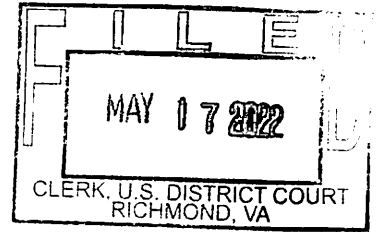


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Richmond Division



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	Criminal No. 3:22-cr- <u>006</u>
v.	)	
	)	Possess with Intent to Distribute
HUGH ELLIS MASON, III	)	Controlled Substances
aka "Peter,"	)	21 U.S.C. § 841
	)	(Count 1)
Defendant.	)	
	)	Possess Firearm and Ammunition by
	)	a Convicted Felon
	)	18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1)
	)	(Count 2)

**INDICTMENT**  
**MAY 2022 TERM - At Richmond, Virginia**

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

**COUNT ONE**  
(Possess with Intent to Distribute Heroin and Fentanyl)

On or about February 16, 2022, in the Eastern District of Virginia and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant, HUGH ELLIS MASON, III, aka "Peter," did knowingly and intentionally possess with the intent to distribute: more than 100 grams of a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance, and fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance; and a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of heroin, a Schedule I controlled substance.

(In violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and (b)(1)(B).)

**COUNT TWO**

(Possess Firearm and Ammunition After Felony Conviction)

On or about February 16, 2022, in the Eastern District of Virginia and within the jurisdiction of this Court, the defendant, HUGH ELLIS MASON, III, aka “Peter,” knowing he had previously been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly and unlawfully possessed a firearm, to wit, an FN, model 57, 5.7 caliber, semiautomatic handgun, bearing serial number 386357075, and ammunition in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce.

(In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1).)

**FORFEITURE ALLEGATIONS**

Pursuant to Rule 32.2 Fed. R. Crim. P., the defendant is hereby notified that upon conviction of the offenses alleged in Counts One and Two of this Indictment, the defendant shall forfeit to the United States all property constituting or derived from proceeds the defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, as a result of the violations and any property used, or intended to be used, in any manner or part, to commit or to facilitate the commission of the offense, including but not limited to:

an FN model 57, 5.7 caliber semiautomatic handgun, bearing serial number 386357075.

(In accordance with Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(a)) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(d), incorporating Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).)

A TRUE BILL

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FOREPERSON

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